

## THE MARYLAND REPORT CARD:

# The Maryland School Survey

### What is the Maryland School Survey?

Describing a school is a complex process, with many variables. Traditional measures such as academic achievement, enrollment, graduation rate, attendance, and assessment scores are important, but they cannot alone capture the quality and character of school life. That's why the Maryland accountability system also includes a School Survey of students and educators at each school.

### Why is the School Survey Important?

MSDE has identified statewide strategies to address equity in public schools, with a focus on schools serving high percentages of economically disadvantaged students. These strategies were developed with the input of local school system leaders, using current research and a review of best practices nationwide. The School Survey is a tool to ensure that our accountability system encompasses all aspects of a schools' performance which may not be captured by traditional measurements, so that we accurately gauge success through an equity lens.

The School Survey for students contains four areas. The survey for educators includes an additional set of questions.



#### SAFETY

Physical safety      Bullying  
Emotional safety      Substance abuse



#### ENVIRONMENT

Instructional and disciplinary environment  
Physical environment



#### COMMUNITY

Respect for diversity  
Participation and engagement



#### RELATIONSHIPS

Student-student relationships  
Student-teacher relationships

### Who participates in the survey?

All students in grades 5-11, and all educators, take the survey in the spring of the school year.

### How are survey results included in the accountability system?

Each school will receive a School Survey Index on a scale from 1 to 10 points. These points are added to the other points in the accountability system, which include: student achievement on state standardized tests in English Language Arts, mathematics, and science; student growth on state tests; chronic absenteeism; and whether students have access to a well-rounded curriculum.

### Where can I find the survey results for my school?

Results are included for students (all students, and individual student groups) and educators. School survey results are reported on the Maryland Report Card website at [MdReportCard.org](https://MdReportCard.org).

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Report Card can be  
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